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Revolution Media Assets & Transcript: Richie Williams & Tommy McNamara (May 10, 2022)

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. – The New England Revolution will host FC Cincinnati in the Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 on Wednesday night at Gillette Stadium. The match kicks off at 7:00 p.m. ET and streams nationally on ESPN+.

Following Tuesday's training session, Revolution Assistant Coach **Richie Williams** and midfielder **Tommy McNamara** addressed the media in a virtual press conference. View the links below to access footage of today's interviews in addition to a complete transcript and additional media assets.

At the conclusion of Wednesday's match, Bruce Arena and two Revolution players will be available in a postgame press conference from Gillette Stadium (~9:00 p.m. ET). [CLICK HERE](#) to join.

Revolution Media Assets: May 10, 2022

- [SOUND: Revolution Assistant Coach Richie Williams \(May 10\)](#)
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Revolution Media Schedule: May 10 – May 15		
Date	Media Availability	Notes/Links
Tuesday, May 10	Video Press Conference feat. Assistant Coach Richie Williams and midfielder Tommy McNamara	VIDEO HERE
Wednesday, May 11	7:00 p.m. ET – Kickoff vs. FC Cincinnati Lamar Hunt U.S. Open Cup Round of 32 Stream: ESPN+ ~9:00 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference	RSVP via email CLICK HERE to join.
Thursday, May 12	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access	RSVP via email

Friday, May 13	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access 12:00 p.m. ET – Video Press Conference feat. Sporting Director and Head Coach Bruce Arena & a Revolution player (TBA)	RSVP via email CLICK HERE to join.
Saturday, May 14	11:00 a.m. ET – Training Access	RSVP via email
Sunday, May 15	1:30 p.m. ET – Kickoff at Atlanta United FC MLS Regular Season Match #11 TV: ESPN, ESPN Deportes Radio: 98.5 The Sports Hub, 1260 AM Nossa ~3:30 p.m. – Postgame Press Conference	CLICK HERE to join.

Revolution Assistant Coach Richie Williams

On managing the rotation in the Starting XI with a two-game week:

Williams: “Well it’s a high priority for us. We go out every game to compete, to win, and get a good result. That’s the way we’re approaching the game. We’ll have a lineup on the field that we feel is going to be able to compete and be able to win the game. That’s our message to the team. That’s what we’ll have out there tomorrow night. Again, U.S. Open Cup is very important for us. Any competition we’re in, we want to do well, we want to win, we want to advance, and we want to win championships.”

On drawing from his experiences winning the U.S. Open Cup as a player in 1996 to offer advice to Revolution players:

Williams: “Well the first thing is that winning a championship is a big thing. It’s something that every day, we’re here, we’re competing for a MLS Cup, we’re competing for the U.S. Open Cup, we were obviously in the [Concacaf] Champions League. It’s a great accomplishment to win a tournament. Knockout tournaments are never easy. The U.S. Open Cup is not easy, but it would be a great accomplishment. Drawing back from my time being involved and winning the championship, you have to be ready. It can be unpredictable at times. Teams can be playing different lineups. Fortunately, we’re playing at home. At certain times, you’re playing on the road in places you’re not familiar with, so you just have to be ready for anything. In this case, Cincinnati, they’re having a good year so far, even though they’ve changed their team over. But they’ve been competitive, they have some confidence, and they’re going to be ready to go. So, we have to be ready. It’s a knockout game. We want to pass on to the players that we want to win any time we step out on the field and we want to win championships.”

On midfielder Tommy McNamara’s strengths and versatility:

Williams: “Tommy’s done very well for us. He’s a player that can play many different positions, currently playing as a No. 6 most of the time. He was an attacking player before he came to us and he has played in the No. 7 and No. 11 positions at times, but he can play any of the midfield positions. He’s a very smart player, a very competitive player, and someone who’s very fit and can do a job in many different positions for us. We feel like he’s a very valuable part of our time. Ever since he’s gotten here, he’s continued to get better, and he’s been in the lineup more times than not.”

On the importance of goalkeeper Djordje Petrović’s performance with Revolution II on Sunday:

Williams: “[It was] really important. It has to be very difficult for a young player coming from a foreign country into a whole new environment. He seems like a great kid. He works extremely hard. He has some

experience, which helps. With the language, he's still learning English. He has a really good attitude, so that's great. The more that he's able to train with us, the more he's able to get games whether it's with the second team, the first team in training. It has to be invaluable for Djordje. We're looking forward for him to continue to get comfortable, continue to do a good job for us, and at some point be able to play in a match for us and be able to do well."

Revolution Midfielder Tommy McNamara

On what makes the U.S. Open Cup a special tournament:

McNamara: "Yeah, we're definitely excited for it. It's another trophy to compete for and it has a big benefit to it, to winning it and getting back into the Champions League. So yeah, we're excited for the opportunity, happy that it's finally back again. It presents an awesome opportunity for all levels of American soccer to compete for this trophy. I remember doing it in college playing on summer teams and playing Open Cup games and that was a big moment to go and play a USL team or something like that. So, I've definitely been a part of it now and happy for it to be back again."

On the team's recent struggles in closing out games:

McNamara: "I mean it's unacceptable. We're not just saying that 'it happens.' It's not one of these things that should be happening. There's a lot of different reasons for why it's happened. Overall, we just need to be better and more committed as a group and more focused in key moments and winning key moments. And at the end of the games when we're winning, we have to do everything we can to see that game out, and last year we did a very, very good job of that. This year, we have not. We have struggled in that department, and we've dropped a lot of points as a result of it, so it's something that we need to stop this trend now. We've talked about it plenty of times, we've addressed it plenty of times so hopefully we start seeing the result of that."

On his memories from prior experiences in playing in the U.S. Open Cup:

McNamara: "I did play with Western Mass. [Pioneers]. The first game we played was, I think a qualification kind of game into it, or maybe like the very first round. I can't remember what round is what round, but played one game and we won and it was against another kind of almost amateur side, like a similar level to what Western Mass. was at the time. And the winner of that got to [advance] and we played in New York. I can't remember who the team was, but it was kind of like a semi-professional team at the time, so it was exciting for us college kids to go and play a professional team, go travel down to New York for it and we did. We played against them, competed, and we ended up losing so that was it, but it just felt like a really cool opportunity for us at the time."

On how the Revolution are preparing to face FC Cincinnati:

McNamara: "They've done very well to start the season. They have quality players. They're very well organized, and they're well coached, so we prepared for them individually with some of their key players, but more so philosophically, kind of how they want to attack, how they like to play, how they defend, so we kind of understand how they work as a team, but most importantly, we can't really predict what they're going to do in the Open Cup, who's going to play, who's not going to play, and maybe they change things tactically. So more importantly is us. We collectively need to be mentally and physically ready for this game tomorrow and to give everything and to compete and to outcompete Cincinnati, really. We're at home, it's a big game for us to compete for a trophy, so we need to be mentally and physically ready for this."

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